

1-1 By: Dale, Phillips, Moody H.B. No. 2604  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;  
 1-4 April 23, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-5 Affairs; May 6, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 6, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to a concealed handgun license application that is  
 1-21 submitted by a peace officer or a member of the state military  
 1-22 forces.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 411.1991, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-25 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (a-1) and  
 1-26 (a-2) to read as follows:

1-27 (a) A person who is licensed as a peace officer under  
 1-28 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and ~~is~~ employed as a peace  
 1-29 officer by a law enforcement agency, or who is a member of the Texas  
 1-30 military forces, excluding Texas State Guard members who are  
 1-31 serving in the Texas Legislature, may apply for a license under this  
 1-32 subchapter.

1-33 (a-1) An applicant who is a peace officer [The person] shall  
 1-34 submit to the department [two complete sets of legible and  
 1-35 classifiable fingerprints and a sworn statement of the head of the  
 1-36 law enforcement agency employing the applicant. A head of a law  
 1-37 enforcement agency may not refuse to issue a statement under this  
 1-38 subsection. If the applicant alleges that the statement is untrue,  
 1-39 the department shall investigate the validity of the statement. The  
 1-40 statement must include]:

1-41 (1) the name and rank of the applicant; and

1-42 (2) a current copy of the applicant's peace officer  
 1-43 license and evidence of employment as a peace officer [whether the  
 1-44 applicant has been accused of misconduct at any time during the  
 1-45 applicant's period of employment with the agency and the  
 1-46 disposition of that accusation,

1-47 ~~[(3) a description of the physical and mental~~  
 1-48 ~~condition of the applicant,~~

1-49 ~~[(4) a list of the types of weapons the applicant has~~  
 1-50 ~~demonstrated proficiency with during the preceding year, and~~

1-51 ~~[(5) a recommendation from the agency head that a~~  
 1-52 ~~license be issued to the person under this subchapter].~~

1-53 (a-2) The department shall adopt rules regarding the  
 1-54 information required to be included in an application submitted by  
 1-55 a member of the Texas military forces under this section.

1-56 (b) The department may issue a license under this subchapter  
 1-57 to an applicant under this section if the ~~[statement from the head~~  
 1-58 ~~of the law enforcement agency employing the]~~ applicant complies  
 1-59 with Subsection (a-1) or rules adopted under Subsection (a-2), as  
 1-60 applicable [(a) and indicates that the applicant is qualified and  
 1-61 physically and mentally fit to carry a handgun].

2-1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2-2 to an application for a license to carry a concealed handgun that is  
2-3 submitted to the Department of Public Safety on or after the  
2-4 effective date of this Act.

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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